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OUTLINES.

English opinion expressed in the daily press, almost unanimously endorses the position of the United States government in the De Lome affair; the *Spectator* thinks the time has come for the United States to stop the war in Cuba. —— A nervous feeling prevails in Madrid as to the relations with the United States; unusual precautions have been taken to guard the residence of Minister Woodford. —— The Marquis of Salisbury, it is said, will allow no power to interfere with British treaties with China which give freedom of entry into every port which may become open under authority or at the request of any power. —— Four formidable British warships will arrive in Chinese waters about March 5th; Great Britain will then have a preponderance of 25,000 tons of warships over Russia and France combined in those waters. —— There is little chance of the acquittal of Zola. —— Ensign J. R. Breckinridge of the torpedo boat Cushing washed overboard and drowned near Havana. —— J. W. Price doing a small jewelry business near Gloucester, Va., arrested for counterfeiting denies the charge. —— President McKinley is still awaiting the full report of U. S. Minister Woodford; if inferences in the De Lome letter bringing in question Spain's good faith as to reciprocity and autonomy for Cuba, are not disavowed voluntarily there may be trouble. —— Steamer St. Louis rescued the passengers and crew of the Holland-American Line steamer Veendam, disabled and sinking at sea, and brought them to New York. —— Senator Butler will attend a general conference of the Populist and silver forces of the Northwest, to be held in Minneapolis Tuesday. —— There have been several encounters between the Chinese and Germans in the neighborhood of Kiao-Chou; the Germans sleep on their arms and fear a sudden attack. —— Fire at Columbus, Ohio, destroyed the Hoyt building; loss $375,000. —— Late last night a cablegram was received by the State Department at Washington from Minister Woodford at Madrid; it is in cipher and its contents are not yet known.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 59 deg.; 8 P.M., 60 deg.; maximum, 70 deg.; minimum, 56 deg.; mean, 63 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .21.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair; not so warm; northerly winds.

Port Almanac---February 13.

Sun Rises	6.52 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.38 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 46 M.
High Water at Southport	12.20 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	2.00 P. M.

Missouri disputes the superiority of Kansas as a producer of hair. Ex-Senator Peffer is knocked out by a Mr. Larow, of Missouridom, who totes a beard seven feet long and still agrowin'.

It is estimated that the number of immigrants to this country for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, will not exceed 150,000, less than a fifth of the number that have come in some years.

According to a Northern handkerchief man, the American people use annually about 328,500,000 handkerchiefs, although a good many of them don't use any handkerchiefs at all.

It is said that the fellow who wrote "The curse of Gold," took ex-Secretary Morton as his model for the heavy villain. This was a mistake. Mr. Morton is a light weight, mostly mouth.

The bug juice industry seems to be on the decline in Kentucky, if it be true as stated, that the distillers turned out last year only 6,500,000 gallons, compared with 47,000,000 gallons in 1893. They say it is the high tax that is doing it.

A German star gazer has discovered a second moon, which astronomers have been hunting for some time. It isn't much of a moon, however, as it is only about 94 miles in diameter and weighs only 10,406,250,000,000,000,000 tons.

And now a Stove Trust has been formed with a capital of $10,000,000. It will proceed to make it hot for the consumers. The Trust has a pretty sure thing to go on with the Dingley protection of 45 per cent. on imported stoves.

A "policastro" is what Mr. de Lome called Mr. McKinley. There isn't a precise equivalent for this in the English language, but it means a fellow who has a sort of sneaking way of playing double, with the view of keeping in the swim.

A bill in the New Jersey Legislature to tax bachelors was getting along pretty well until a Solon offered an amendment taxing old maids. Objection was made to hitching the old bachelors and old maids in that way, and that's how the matter hangs now.

A contemporary assures us that "better times are coming." They have been a long time on the way and have been pretty slow in keeping the numerous promises made for them, but we have the consolation of knowing that the times that are coming can't be much worse than the times we have.

Hungary is pretty well salted, or there are some pretty salty liars in that country. It is said there is a mass of rock salt there 550 miles long, 20 miles wide and 250 feet thick. This lays considerably over that Kansas streak, which is said to contain enough to last the world a million years.

A Georgia man is making lots of money fattening cattle, which he buys up through the country, shipping them West. He made a recent shipment of 370 head on which he netted $5,000. The *Constitution* says he sells about 1,000 a year and must clear $10,000 on the transactions.

Almost without exception the gold-standard newspapers of the North are bitterly opposed to any sort of intervention or any sort of action by the United States favorable to the Cubans. With them, the dollar is far above national honor and common humanity.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Odd Fellows—Notice.
STAR—Printer wanted.
D. O'Connor—For rent.
The Worth Co.—Grocers.
Ask your druggist about it
Palace Bakery—Choice fruit.
Office—Chas. T. Harper, M. D.
Hall & Pearsall—Seed potatoes.
J. J. Shepard—Carpets must go.
Myers & Lewis—Get our prices.
Wil. H. & L. Ass'n—New stock.
J. A. Springer—Coal and wood.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Reductions.
J. Hicks Bunting—Bootle's baby.
Opera House—Ball in Fairy Land.
Wil. Cotton Mills—Dividend notice.
W. B. Cooper—New River mullets.
R. R. Stone & Co.—Flour, seed oats.
Vollers & Hashagen—Cuban blossom
J. W. Sneeden—Administ'r's notice.
Parish House, St. James' Church—"Love and Mushrooms."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Agents—Wanted.
I. Shrier—For rent.
Salesmen—Wanted.
Lost—Black feather boa.
Patents—Inventors' Guide.
Wanted—Travelling salesmen.
Yarborough & Murray—Open to-day.

Those Special Y. M. C. A. Meetings.

Last night Secretary Diggs received the letter from Rev. Howard Rondthaler, reference to which was made in yesterday's STAR. Rev. Mr. Rondthaler states regretfully that it will be impossible for him to come to Wilmington just now; but hopes that he may be able to come later on for a week and that he might come sooner if a shorter stay than a week would be satisfactory. Mr. Diggs will correspond further with him with reference to the matter. The General Secretary of the Charlotte Y. M. C. A. has expressed a willingness to conduct the special meetings which the Association here has in contemplation. It is also possible that an effort will be made to secure Rev A. D. Thaller, another able Moravian divine of Winston, for this work.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—69 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—407 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 102 bbls rosin, 20 bbls tar, 4 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central Railroad—15 bales cotton.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—46 bales cotton, 28 casks spirits turpentine, 181 bbls rosin, 20 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—30 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 100 bbls rosin, 135 bbls tar.

Steamer W. T. Daggett—3 casks spirits turpentine, 31 bbls rosin, 42 bbls crude turpentine.

Total—Cotton, 567 bales; spirits turpentine, 50 casks; rosin, 414 bbls; tar, 217 bbls.; crude turpentine, 4 bbls.

"Substitute" Postponed.

Mr. Jas. W. Monroe, president of the Second Regiment band, writes the STAR a communication in which he announces that the repetition of the "Substitute" for the benefit of the band has been for good and sufficient reasons postponed until after Lent. It is probable that another play will be substituted for the "Substitute." The thanks of the band are tendered the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly consented to aid it, and it is hoped that whatever play is presented will find a full house.

Elected a Director.

Mr. Charles W. Worth has been elected a director of the Wilmington Cotton Mills to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, the late David G. Worth. The choice was made at a meeting of the Board of Directors held Friday afternoon. In addition to other important business transacted, a quarterly dividend of one per cent. was declared on the common stock of the corporation. Notice of this appears in the advertising columns.

LOCAL DOTS.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— To-morrow, the 14th of February, is St. Valentine's day.

— There will be services at St. Paul's Episcopal church this morning, but none at night.

— The attention of the ladies is called to the attractive fashion plate on the second page of the STAR.

— Hester's weekly cotton statement may be found in the commercial department of the STAR, on second page, this morning.

— During the week just closed five marriage licenses were issued at the Register of Deeds' office. Two were for white couples and three for colored.

— A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been called by the President, Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., for half-past three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

— Justice G. W. Bornemann disposed of one case in his Court yesterday. Lizzie Ward was convicted of disorderly conduct and dismissed on the payment of costs.

— The High Point *Enterprise* says: "Miss Rena Worth left Wednesday for Wilmington, where she goes as one of the teachers in the High School. Wilmington is fortunate."

— The Opera House will remain dark for the next two weeks, and the first attraction Manager Schloss has to offer is Augustin Daly's great play, "A Night Off," which comes on the 28th.

— Mr. T. O. Bunting has been re-appointed Deputy United States Marshal for the Eastern District by Marshal H. C. Dockery. His bond has been filed and he is awaiting his commission.

— It is stated that Tom Miller, the well known colored Republican, will be a candidate for Sheriff before the next county convention of his party. And, in the language of the poet, "there are others."

— De Voe's weather forecast for to-morrow and until the 18th: 14th to 16th, cloudy, followed on the 15th by a storm over the Mississippi valley, and heavy rains over Southern States and snow in the Northern, continuing until the 18th.

— In view of the tremendous hit made this week by the Wilbur Opera Company, Manager Schloss has booked them for another week in the Fall, commencing October 24th. The company will come with an entire new repertoire of popular comic opera.

— Note the advertisement of a matinee performance entitled "A Ball in Fairy Land," to be given next Saturday at the Opera House under the auspices of the Hospital Circle of King's Daughters. It will be under the direction of Miss Cammie Lord.

— The *Newbernian* says: "We learn from the best authority that Governor Russell will not open the Newbern Fair. As there is considerable feeling against the Governor in our city, we are glad that he has declined the honor of opening the Fair."

— To-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover county will meet in adjourned session to take action in regard to the pending appropriations for public roads improvement as carried over from their recent meeting.

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE.

Wilbur-Kirwin Opera Company Played Again to Crowded Houses.

Last night at the Opera House closed a very successful week with the Wilbur-Kirwin Opera Company, and a very enjoyable one to those who have been in attendance upon the series of delightful operas given by them. Last evening they presented the three-act comedy opera "Ermine." Miss Kirwin did not appear at all, but the title role *Fanchon* was in good hands, this character being portrayed by Miss Cook with ease and grace, and making quite a hit. The only and original Harvey in the character of *Jack Strop* was right there. Mr. Harvey is a good comedian and one who has a just claim on that part of the profession.

The company, as a whole, is an excellent one. On their next visit to this city—It is understood they have made an engagement—packed houses can safely be guaranteed.

At the matinee they presented for the second time "Said Pasha" to a rousing house.

Fireman Trent's Condition.

Mr. T. M. Trent, the fireman who was badly hurt while fighting the fire at the Carolina Cooperage Company's plant Friday, was able to be out yesterday. To a STAR representative he said that he suffered quite a good deal from dizziness and a dull headache. In speaking of the accident he said that had it not been for the steel-lined fireman's cap which he wore the blow would assuredly have killed him. Mr. Trent is wearing an abundance of bandages. He is of course unable to be on duty.

Funeral This Morning.

The funeral of the late Mr. William M. Hayes, Sr., reference to whose death was made in yesterday's STAR, will take place from the residence on Seventh street, between Chesnut and Mulberry (Grace), this morning at 10 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. William L. Cunningim, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church. Members of Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., will be in attendance.

Relatives and friends of the bereaved family are invited to attend.

EXCITING EPISODE.

A Runaway Horse Created a Sensation On Front and Market Streets.

SMASHED A COSTLY WINDOW.

Damage Estimated at Sixty Dollars—The Driver Badly Bruised But the Horse Unhurt and the Dray Not Much Damaged.

"That horse has got some activity about him," a bystander correctly remarked as a runaway horse stood panting and quivering near the corner of Water and Market streets yesterday afternoon at 3.45 o'clock. The horse was a fine roan animal and belonged to Mr. J. L. Croom, who had traded for him a few hours before.

He had just had shoes put on his hind feet at Mr. Tom Quinlivan's and his driver, Colonel Smith, or "Isham," as he is best known, was standing in the dray driving toward the river. The horse became frightened and broke into a run. Smith pulled on him with all his might, but to no purpose. He kept up a break-neck pace until he reached the corner of Front and Princess. There he ran into a telegraph pole, threw the driver out and dragged him twenty steps or more. Down Front street then the horse flew, turning down the sidewalk by E. Warren & Son's confectionery store. The iron awning poles in front of the store were broken as was also a costly plate glass window.

The horse had half a mind to go in the store as the print of a hoof was left in the doorway. He made off down Market, however, still keeping to the sidewalk. In front of Mr. Wm. Goodman's store the dray was overturned by colliding with a telegraph pole, and the horse brought up a few doors below, after breaking in two one of the iron supports to the shelter in front of Mr. W. J. Penny's store.

The runaway attracted a big crowd. People poured out of offices and stores to see what was up and there was a small army of spectators around the horse and dray in a short while. Smith, the colored driver, had his right arm bruised at the corner of Front and Princess. The horse was unhurt and the dray was not badly damaged.

Mr. Warren estimates the damage to his store as being about $60, fully covered by insurance.

VISITING ONSLOW HALL.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. McIntyre and Party of New York Passed Through Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. McIntyre arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on the 5:50 o'clock A. C. L. train from New York city and left very soon thereafter on a special train for Onslow Hall, their magnificant winter home in Onslow county.

They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kushman and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Nash who will be Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre's guests at Onslow Hall.

A number of servants came up this morning from the Hall and when the McIntyre party arrived had the private cars in readiness and a sumptuous supper spread in the dining apartment.

To a STAR representative Mr. McIntyre said that he and Mrs. McIntyre would spend about a month at Onslow Hall and during that time they expect quite a number of guests from the North as well as other sections of the country. His family other than Mrs. McIntyre have been at the Hall for some time.

The party was met yesterday at the depot by Mr. C. M. Whitlock and other Wilmington gentlemen, who did all in their power to add to the comfort and pleasure of the visitors.

Will Go to Washington.

Misses Lina O. Wiggins and Susie Parsley, who are members of the senior class at the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, have written friends here that their class will go to Washington, D. C., on a pleasure excursion some time this month or early in March. They will be under the excellent chaperonage of President and Mrs. Charles D. McIver, and they anticipate a royal good time. These trips to the national capital by the senior classes of the Normal have come to be annual events toward which the pupils look with most pleasant anticipation.

In the Mayor's Court.

Two culprits were assigned to ten days' imprisonment each by His Honor, Mayor Wright, yesterday. One was Ed. Hallings, and the other Young Stevens. Both were convicted of disorderly conduct and drunkenness, and they had their choice between paying $2.50 and costs each or going to jail. They could not pay the money.

Justice Bunting's Court.

In Justice Bunting's Court yesterday Julia and Jim Kelley were tried for an assault upon Jenny Brown. Only Jim was convicted. He was dismissed on payment of costs. Jenny Brown was also convicted of an assault upon Julia Kelley and made to pay the costs.

The Week at the Health Office.

During the week ending yesterday births of five white and nine colored infants were reported to the Health office. There were five deaths, three of white people and two of colored; and two bodies, one white and one colored, were brought here for interment.

SEIZED AND FORFEITED.

Packages of Drugs Smuggled Through Canada Into the United States Found in Raleigh.

As previously announced in the advertising columns of the STAR, there will be a sale of seized and forfeited goods at 12 o'clock, noon, to-morrow before the Custom House door. This sale is one of the results of the watchfulness of a thoroughly organized and efficient corps of special agents which the Government has employed, and of which Col. R. C. Ould, now making Wilmington his headquarters, is a good representative.

The goods to be sold to-morrow are sixty packages of trional, sulfonal and phenacetine and were "picked up" by Col. Ould in Raleigh. They had been smuggled to a dealer there from Canada by one Pettengill under the assumed firm name of Ratcliff, Moore & Company.

It is not so much to escape the payment of duty, though it is 25 per cent. *ad valorem*, that the goods are smuggled, as it is to get them on sale in this country without the knowledge of the government. They are prepared in Germany and letters patent for the privilege of selling them in the United States are exclusively granted to Schefflin, of New York, who exacts a large royalty. The articles are in good demand, however, and shrewd manipulators in Canada, are always ready to co-operate with unscrupulous parties in the States to smuggle the chemicals over the Canadian border. Col. Ould has succeeded in seizing some of the material in Atlanta as well as in Raleigh and the practice is abating considerably under the sharp look-out of the special agents. Phenacetine, one of the smuggled articles, is a very valuable ingredient of preparations for "la grippe."

SMALLPOX IN CHARLOTTE.

Report of Marine Hospital Service Expert Who Examined Cases in the Pest House There.

Dr. C. P. Wertenbaker, of the Marine Hospital, will return to-day from Charlotte where he went a few days since to diagnose an eruptive disease with which several colored people in the pest house there are suffering. After a careful examination he pronounced the disease, unqualifiedly, smallpox and one of the sick men as having the disease in typical form.

Dr. Wertenbaker made a complete report before the Board of Aldermen Friday night, together with some suggestions as to the proper steps to be taken.

A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was tendered him by the Board of Aldermen. He urged vaccination strongly as being the only quarantine against the disease, and the Board ordered that physicians be kept at the city hall two days to vaccinate the people free of charge and that those who did not come voluntarily be forced to be vaccinated.

According to Dr. Wertenbaker's report, the following named persons, all colored, in the pest house in Charlotte have smallpox: Sallie Wagner, Oscar Jackson, Frank Jackson and Harvey Perkins.

Intense interest was evidently felt in Charlotte over Dr. Wertenbaker's decision, as both of the papers came out in extra editions at nine o'clock at night announcing the result of his investigations.

Twelfth Series of Stock.

The Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association will soon start the twelfth series of stock. This is the oldest of all the associations now in operation in the city. It was organized in 1886, and since then has been largely instrumental in encouraging savings and home making. Its management has been particularly successful, and since the organization of the Association a loan has never been made that caused a loss. The officers and Board of Directors are all men of good business standing, as will be seen from the list, which follows: J. C. Stevenson, President; H. C. McQueen, Vice President; C. C. Brown, Secretary; G. D. Parsley, L. S. Belden, T. O. Bunting, C. W. Polvogt, Wm. Goodman, J. H. Hardin, N. M. McEachern, O. M. Fillyaw.

The New Hose Wagon.

The new hose wagon arrived yesterday and has been duly installed at the station of Phœnix Hose Company No. 3, on Fourth street near Hanover. It is a handsome and well constructed wagon and carries 1,000 feet of hose. It weighs 1,900 pounds and cost $463. There are carried on it two fire extinguishers and two lamps. The six members of the company ride on either side.

As has been heretofore stated in the STAR, the manufacturers are Ramsey & Co., Senaca Falls, New York, and Messrs. Hayward & Co., of New York city, were the purchasing agents.

Samples of Ice Distributed.

Samples of ice were distributed yesterday by the Carolina Ice Company, which has begun operations with its new and improved machinery. It was fine and clear, and Mr. J. M. Solky, the President of the Company, gives the information that the ice made Monday will be still better.

Another Fruit Schooner.

The British schooner *Victory*, Capt. Munro, which comes to this port annually with a cargo of fruit, arrived yesterday from Nassau. Her cargo consists of 30,000 oranges, 1,000 cocoanuts, 150 bunches bananas and a quantity of tomatoes, sugar cane, starfish, conch sells, etc.

"SIXTEEN TO ONE."

A Novel and Unique Entertainment Last Evening at a Private Residence.

A SILVER AND GOLD PARTY.

There Were Sixteen Guests—Pretty Souvenirs—Refreshments and a Good Time Generally for All Who Participated.

Miss Sue Meares gave a delightful "Silver and Gold" card party last night at her home on Market street. Decorations and entertainment were quite novel and unique.

The parlors were draped in red, white and blue bunting. "Sixteen to One" was conspicuous in silver and gold letters over the mantel. Then there were excellent likenesses of William McKinley and William Jennings Bryan prominently in view. There were four card tables, two of them draped in silver colors and two in gold.

There were sixteen guests and there were a number of quite interesting games of cards. The souvenirs were made of the half shells of the English walnut and each contained a penny, half of them wrapped in silver and the others in gold paper. The were 16 souvenirs.

As the evening advanced delicious refreshments were served and the entire evening was one of thorough enjoyment.

Those who shared Miss Meares' delightful hospitality were Misses Margaret Gibson, Anna and Kate Cantwell, May Beverly French, Lilla Bellamy, Carrie Maffitt, Mary Meares, Fair Payne, Mesdames N. N. Davis, O. F. Love, J. D. Bellamy, Jr., Chas. Grainger, E. V. Baltzer, Herbert Borden and Miss Hay, of Hickory.

REV. DR. BLACKWELL HERE.

Sermon at the First Baptist Church This Morning and Lecture To-night—North Carolina Appointments.

Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, the able and eloquent corresponding secretary of the Southern Baptist Young People's Union, arrived in the city yesterday and as has been previously announced by the STAR will preach at the First Baptist church to-day at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 to-night will deliver a lecture on the Baptist Young People's movement.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Blackwell, in conversation with a STAR representative, spoke quite pleasantly of his tour of the Old North State. He also had many pleasant things to say about Wilmington and her people as he has met them.

Dr. Blackwell will leave Wilmington for Goldsboro to-morrow, lecturing at the Baptist church there to-morrow night. He will be in Raleigh Tuesday night and at Scotland Neck Wednesday night.

Other appointments for the State are as follows: Elizabeth City, Friday the 18th; Newbern, Sunday the 20th; Kinston, Monday the 21st; Wilson, Tuesday the 22nd; Oxford, Wednesday the 23rd; Winston-Salem, Thursday the 24th; Greensboro, Monday the 28th; Charlotte, Tuesday, March 1st, and Asheville, Wednesday the 2nd.

Roman Catholic Services To-day.

Bishop Haid arrived in the city yesterday from Belmont and is the guest of Father C. Dennen on Dock street. As has been heretofore announced in the STAR the Bishop will to-day officiate at the various services at St. Thomas' church to-day. Confirmation will be administered at 10.30 A. M. The Bishop will also preach at this mass.

At 7.45 P. M. he will bless the set of stations. This devotion pictures different scenes in the Passion of the Saviour, and after the ceremony he will explain the devotion.

A special programme of music coupled with the fact that the learned Bishop is quite an eloquent speaker, assures a series of especially interesting services. All are cordially invited.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

There will be service at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner Sixth and Market streets. German service at 11 A. M.; English service at 7.30 P. M., by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D. The public is cordially invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, Fourth street, above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor—No services to-day, the pastor being absent. Sunday school at 9.30 A. M.

Services in St. John's Church to-day (Sexigesima Sunday) by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael. Holy communion at 7.45 A. M.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 o'clock; evening prayer, 4.30 o'clock; Sunday school, 3.30 P. M.

A POLITICAL MOVE.

Russell's Railroad Commission Will Reduce Passenger Rates.

Raleigh *News and Observer:* The Railroad Commission will, it is believed, reduce passenger rates when it meets on the 17th to 2 and 2½ cents a mile on the following roads: Seaboard and Roanoke (20 miles in North Carolina), North Carolina railroad, Piedmont railroad (Greensboro to Danville), Petersburg railroad (8 miles in North Carolina), Raleigh and Gaston, Wilmington and Weldon (main line), Western North Carolina (Salisbury to Paint Rock), Atlanta and Charlotte (40 miles in North Carolina).

— Miss Annie Pettigrew, niece of the late Maj. Gen. James Johnston Pettigrew, is in the city on a visit to Bishop Watson.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. S. B. Cary, of Roanoke, is here.

— Mr. H. W. Hood, of Southport, is at the Orton.

— Mr. S. N. Ferguson, of Bladenboro, is at the Orton.

— Mr. R. B. Havens, of Tarboro, was here yesterday.

— Mr. W. H. Pope, of Fayetteville, is in the city.

— Mr. H. P. Alderman, of Fayetteville, is in Wilmington.

— Mr. George McBetts, of Charlotte, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. W. A. Farriss has returned from a pleasant visit to Henderson.

— Mr. D. J. Swindell, of Rocky Mount, was in Wilmington yesterday.

— Mr. W. L. Damron, of Waco, N. C., was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. L. Woodall, a well known merchant of Smithfield, is in the city.

— Mr. R. J. Nelson, of Columbia, S. C., was a visitor in Wilmington yesterday.

— Mrs. William A. Riach returned yesterday evening from a visit of several days to Richmond, Va.

— M. T. C. Craft, Jr., returned yesterday from Baltimore, where he went to undergo a difficult surgical operation.

— Mr. H. M. Chase returned yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he was best man at the Skelding-Ames nuptials.

— Mr. J. W. Wallace, an extensive clam dealer of this city, returned yesterday from New River, where he went to purchase trout.

— Miss Elizabeth M. Bellamy, the talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Bellamy, returned yesterday evening from quite a pleasant month's visit to relatives in Washington, D. C.

— Mr. R. B. Pegram, of Richmond, arrived in the city yesterday. He is supervisor of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia and will spend the next several days in Wilmington.

— Professor Washington Catlett, of the Wilmington Academy, spent yesterday at Rocky Point on a hunting expedition. The STAR has not learned with what success his hunt was favored.

— Mr. W. A. Riach, General Auditor of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Mr. Geo. LeGrand, his chief clerk, have returned from Augusta where they have been on business connected with the Charleston and Western Carolina Railroad.

"WIELDS A GREAT INFLUENCE."

"It Stands on the Chicago Platform With Both Feet."

[*Webster's Weekly.*]

The Wilmington STAR greeted its readers on New Year's Day in a brand new dress. Such an evidence of prosperity is gratifying indeed to the friends of that sterling journal. The STAR is the State's oldest daily, having been founded by its present proprietor, Mr. W. H. Bernard, over thirty years ago. It has always been ably edited and has wielded a great influence in Democratic councils. It stands on the Chicago platform with both feet and is doing valiant service in exposing Republican humbuggery on the all-important financial question. May its silvery light never be diminished.

Once a Citizen of Laurinburg.

Laurinburg *Exchange*. News reached us Monday of the death Mr. Mike Cronly, Sr., Sunday at his home in Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. Cronly was well and favorably known here among our oldest citizens. In his honor one of our prettiest streets taken its name. As a town we very much regret this death but bow in humble submission, tendering our sincerest sympathy to those bound to him by the tenderest ties of affection.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Odd Fellows Notice.

MEMBERS OF CAPE FEAR LODGE No. 2, I. O. O. F. You are requested to be in attendance at the funeral of our deceased Brother, P. G. Wm. M. Hayes, Sr., this (Sunday) morning at 10 o'clock, from residence on Seventh between Chesnut and Mulberry. Members of the sister Lodges and visiting brethren are invited to meet with us at the Lodge room at 9 o'clock.

By order of the Noble Grand.
J. O. POWERS.
JAS. T. RILEY, Secretary. feb 13 1t

Dividend Notice.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE Wilmington Cotton Mills have declared A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND of one per cent. ON THE COMMON STOCK of the corporation, payable to Stockholders of record of this date, on or after March 1st., 1898.

DONALD MACRAE,
feb 13 1t Sec'y and Treas.

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Ever offered in Wilmington.
Prices Very Low.
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January 6, 1898.
JAMES W. SNEEDEN, Administrator,
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MATINEE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19. "A Ball in Fairy Land." 86 children, 86. Under management of Miss Cammie Lord. For benefit of Hospital Circle of King's Daughters. General admission, 25 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents. Box sheet open at Gerken's cigar store Thursday, February 17, at 7. A. M.
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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEB. 13, 1898

ROBBING THE MANY FOR THE FEW.

The professed object of a protective tariff is to encourage and foster American industries and protect American labor. So far so good, in as far as this may be necessary, but when it has accomplished the purpose for which it was intended and is no longer necessary its perpetuation is a wrong and a fraud for which there is no defence or palliation. The advocates of this system claim that it has resulted in the building up of our industries until we are now independent of other countries for nearly everything we need.

Without questioning whether this be due to the protective system, and assuming that we have manufactories enough to supply all the home needs for manufactures, what further excuse is there for keeping up a system which was originally designed to encourage the establishment of manufacturing industries? If it isn't necessary it is an imposition on the people whom it taxes. Mr. Cleveland said in one of his messages that "unnecessary taxation was unjust taxation" and he was right. The only justification for taxation is necessity. Every dollar taken from the people by taxation, beyond what is necessary for the support of the Government economically administered, is robbery under cover of law. If all this money thus taken from the people went into the Treasury of the Government it would be none the less robbery, but when the bulk of it goes into the coffers of the favored few, and but a fraction of it into the Treasury of the Government it is robbery in the worst and most indefensible form.

But the perpetuation of this system is not only oppressive on the many on whom it imposes tribute for the benefit of the few, but it is injurious to the industries established and for whose benefit it is alleged to be maintained. If it has stimulated the establishment of manufacturing industries, as alleged, and which is doubtless true, whether to the extent alleged or not, until we have more manufactories than are needed to supply the home market, and which to survive have become formidable competitors of each other, why continue to stimulate them? According to United States Commissioner of Labor, Mr. Carroll, D. Wright, the manufactories in the country in 1890 did not produce more than about 72 per cent. of their capacity, and we know that we have a great many more manufactories in the country now than we had then, and a greater relative capacity of production, allowing for the increase of population. The New England cotton mills are now complaining of the competition of the Southern mills, to which they attribute the depression with them, their decreased profits, and the necessity of reducing the wages of their employes. Why then perpetuate a policy which stimulates the building of more manufactories, to add to the competition and make the conditions worse? Doesn't this look as if they were overdoing the business?

But even if the business were not being overdone, where is the excuse for taxing the bulk of the people heavily to put money in the pockets of the protected and enable them to survive the competition with each other, which is one of the results of this pampering system? There were in 1890 4,712,622 persons engaged as employers or employes in the manufacturing industries of this country, or about one person in every fifteen of the population, which means that fourteen persons are taxed for the benefit of the one. But all these 4,712,622 are not benefitted by the protective system. The employes as a rule are not protected, for they have to compete with cheap labor, which imports itself or is directly or indirectly imported by the proprietors of the protected industries, who derive whatever of benefit there may be in the tribute imposed on the fourteen out of the fifteen people who pay it.

But there are more than these who pay tribute for the employes in the protected industries, who are not, as we have stated, benefitted, have to pay their portion of the tribute on the articles they consume, even those which they are employed in making. There is not a leading industry in this country which does not largely employ cheap imported labor, which has taken the place to a great extent of the native labor once employed. The New England cotton mills are filled with labor brought in from Canada, and hundreds of these Canadians are now leaving the mills on account of the recent reduction in wages and are going back to Canada. They were never *bona fide* citizens of this country, but were temporary sojourners, who came because they could earn a little more than they could in their own country. The coal mines and iron mines of the North are filled with the cheapest kind of imported laborers many of whom cannot speak the language of the country and never will because they herd together, live as they had been in the habit of living, associate only with each other and have no occasion to learn to speak English. The great iron and steel manufactories of the North are also filled with this labor which has driven out native labor by underworking it. So much for the alleged protection which the tariff gives the American workman.

So, when we simmer it down this system is not maintained for the benefit and protection of the 4,712,622 engaged in the manufactories in 1890 who have since become so engaged, but solely for the benefit of those out of this number who are included as owners and operators of the industrial plants, embracing a very small number of the aggregate above enumerated. The American people pay annually many millions of dollars to add to the profits of those few, not because it is necessary to maintain the industries, which if they did not overcrowd each other would be payers of liberal dividends, but because these favored few contribute liberally to Republican campaign funds and help elect Republican Congressmen and Republican Presidents.

MINOR MENTION.

Senator Chandler is not the only Republican statesman who realizes the straits in which the Republican party finds itself, but he is one of the few who has the nerve and candor to admit it, which he does pretty unreservedly in the interview with a representative of the Washington *Post*, published in THE STAR yesterday. Some time ago he published a letter in which he declared that if the Republican party did not declare unequivocally for bimetallism, without waiting for the action of any other government it was lost, and he followed this up shortly afterwards with an interview in which he represented Mr. McKinley as a zealous bimetallist who would push the international conference matter, and leave nothing undone to make that a success. But the way Mr. McKinley flopped over to the gold standard in his New York speech, discredited the zealous bimetallism attributed to him by Senator Chandler, who seems to have abandoned all hope on the bimetallic line and now insists on hoodooing the people with a "vigorous foreign policy," and utilizing Cuba and Hawaii to pull the Republican party out of the mire. This is about the only card the Republican managers have to play now, and the probabilities are they will play it, if they can do some bluffing and play it without recourse to powder and shot; but they wouldn't halt at that to save the party. Mr. Chandler feels sure that "before the Congressional elections Mr. McKinley will give freedom to Cuba." This is rather a telltale dove-tailing of the Congressional elections and the freedom of Cuba, which justifies the opinion that freedom is to be given to Cuba to boost the Republicans in the Congressional elections, which somewhat mars whatever of honor or merit there might be in recognizing Cuban independence. It may be incidentally remarked that, without intending to do so, Senator Chandler has somewhat confirmed Senor De Lome's diagnosis of McKinley when he characterized him as a politician "catering to the rabble"—the Spanish word for the people, as De Lome sees them.

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It wasn't the fear of the San Jose scale, or any other scale, that caused the interdict against American fruit in Germany, for there was little if any San Jose scale in the fruit shipped, and if there was a little, that little didn't reach the rural districts, but was destroyed with the fruit consumed. But the San Jose scale, which now bears a California name, is really of German origin, and was brought to California from Germany, so this interdict looks like going back on their own bug. Germany kicked against American pork on account of trichinæ, and now it is kicking against American hams because boracic acid is used in curing them. It so happens, however, that there isn't as much boracic acid used in curing American hams as there is in curing German hams, for the Consul at Cologne has discovered that the formula for curing German hams is 30 per cent. of boracic acid, 30 per cent. of nitrate of potash and 30 per cent. of common salt. But perhaps the German ham can stand more boracic acid than the American ham, and perhaps German boraic acid isn't as harmful to the human stomach as American boracic acid. But the fact is that all this kicking against American fruit, pork, &c., is to placate the people who are affected in a business way by these importations.

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Germany has made remarkable progress in commerce and manufacturing within the past ten years, now ranking next to Great Britain, of which she is becoming a formidable competitor. We referred yesterday to this, and gave some of the reasons for it, among others the part that Germany's merchant marine has taken, which is thus noted by the New York *Commercial American*, which has been making commendable efforts to awaken interest in an American merchant marine. Under the heading of "An Object Lesson," it say:

"Germany's progress in shipping has been remarkably striking. Between 1873 and 1895 the traffic of German ports with other States increased 124 per cent. With North America the gain in over-sea trade was 128 per cent.; with Mexico, Central and South America it was 460 per cent.; with the East and West Indies, 480 per cent.; with Australia, 475 per cent.; with Great Britain, 60 per cent.; with Northern Europe, 149 per cent., and with Southern Europe, 60 per cent This great gain has mostly been in later years. For the very first time, in 1896, the tonnage of German shipping at Hamburg exceeded that of English shipping. The result of this growth in Germany's merchant marine is that the Germans find it possible to employ much less foreign capital than previously in German foreign trade. The establishment, moreover, of German "over-sea" banks enables a large share in the profits of international exchange to be obtained for Germany's benefit. In other words, Germany finds that her commercial supremacy has grown immensely under German financial and maritime independence. This is the lesson that the United States Congress and American business men seem slow to learn."

Some of the Western representatives of the farmers are reviving the question of bounties on exports of farm products as an offset to what the farmers have to pay in duties on protected manufactures. This is too much, but it is quite as reasonable and logical as the imposition of duties for the benefit of manufacturers. The farmer wants a little protection from that, but of course he isn't going to get it, for it isn't the farmer that the Republican statesman is interested in but in the fellows who put up for campaign funds.

The Washington *Star* Almanac for 1898, is a most complete and comprehensive publication, giving a vast amount of useful information in brief form and conveniently arranged for ready reference. It contains much not found in other almanacs even of the more elaborate kind. Its statistics, political, commercial, &c., will be found very useful and its sketches of men and records of events very interesting and valuable. Published by The Evening Star, Washington.

TWINKLINGS.

— Teacher—"When angry you should count ten before you speak." Pupil—"Oh, I can always think of something hateful to say without stopping to count."—*Boston Transcript.*

— The Object of Solicitude—"Do you think that the peace of Europe is threatened?" "No," replied the Chinese diplomat; "what is really in danger is a piece of Asia."—*Washington Star.*

— Smith—"I was reading in the paper this morning about a Texas man who was struck by lightning while he was swearing. Remarkable occurrence, wasn't it?" Brown—"Oh, I don't know. If lightning was to strike a Texas man when he wasn't swearing it would be much more remarkable.

— Baron Munchausen was angry at the officials of the Styx National Bank. "They refused to open an account with me," he said with a great show of indignation. "That's natural," said Boswell. "You have such a way of overdrawing your account, you know."—*Harper's Bazar.*

— Her Supposition—Dorothy had heard some one singing that classical production, "The Little Alabama Coon," on the street. Presently she came to her mother and asked: "Mamma, what does 'swat' mean?" "What do you think that it means?" "Well, I don't know, mamma, but I s'pose that 'swat' is colored for spank."—*Harper's Bazar.*

— "Why don't you read to me, instead of keeping the papers all to yourself in gloomy silence?" said Mrs. Suggs to her husband. "Very well, my dear," replied Mr. Suggs, who always strove to please. "I'll read to you this article on 'Manners in Congress.'" "Thank you, but I do not care for purely speculative disquisitions."—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.*

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It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and a nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

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CLOTH gowns seem to have taken a most tenacious hold on popular fancy, and there is apparently no end to the different styles of coloring and trimming, while the general effect is much the same. A graceful gown made in a favorite style is of gray cloth, the skirt of medium width, with all the fulness at the back; down the front and around the foot are bands of steel and jet paillettes, which give long lines. The waist is very odd, with the front of the velvet a deeper shade of gray; over the velvet is a corselet effect of the cloth trimmed with the spangled bands. The sleeves are small, nearly tight-fitting, and with pointed cuff down over the hand. The cut of the gown is given in the tissue-paper pattern issued by HARPER'S BAZAR, where it appears. A plain high collar of velvet and a black belt with jewelled buckle finish the waist. The same design can be carried out in different colorings, and would look extremely well in two shades of wood-color.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Raleigh *Post:* Scott McArthur, living three miles from Kinston, was yesterday afternoon badly beaten by Frank Faulkner, his brother-in-law and neighbor, from the effect of which he died last Thursday night.

— Wilson *Times:* Mrs. G. W. Dew died yesterday at her home near this city. She was well a minute before. —— Last Sunday night, at her residence in Edgecombe county, Mrs. Amanda Barron died of collapse of the lungs.

— Greenville *Weekly:* A raid was made on a moonshine still in Greene county last Friday night. The still was destroyed, a large quantity of beer turned out and a man, Will Oakley, arrested, taken to Kinston and jailed in default of $200 bond. The still was found several miles west of Snow Hill.

— Goldsboro *Argus:* It is said that the farmers of this section are not making preparations to plant near as much cotton this year as heretofore and they are not buying fertilizers in large quantities. The tobacco and rice crops will be greatly enlarged, which will no doubt yield more clear money to the planter.

—Winston *Sentinel*: From a Surry county farmer it was learned this morning that two white men named Sid Jones and Wall, got into a row while the county commissioners were in session at Dobson Monday when Wall struck Jones over the head with a stick, crushing his skull. The wounded man was not expected to live at last reports.

— Raleigh *Press-Visitor*: This (Friday) afternoon B. S. Browning, a white man from Little River township, came to this city and stated to Capt. Billy Hood that he had shot and killed his father-in-law and had come to surrender himself. Together they went to the office of Justice H. H. Roberts, and Browning was sent to jail charged with murder. The hearing has been set for Thursday.

— Monroe *Enquirer:* The artesian well is over six hundred feet deep. But very little water has been found yet. —— Mr. William Hill, who resided near King's mill, Richmond county, committed suicide a few days ago by drowning himself in a mill pond. His wife had died recently and he had been despondent ever sihce. He left his home about daybreak, going directly to the pond. His body was recovered about an hour after the deed was committed.

— Columbus *News:* Mrs. Mary Richardson died at her home near Whiteville last Monday morning from heart trouble. She had been in bad health for about a year. The deceased was about 60 years of age, and was the wife of the late William R. Richardson. —— Mrs. Rebecca Reynolds who lived about four miles from Hallsboro, died Friday morning of last week, and was buried on Saturday morning. —— Mr. Warren Hayes, an old citizen of Hallsboro, died Monday night of last week. We learn he has been in bad health for a number of years.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— Minister De Lome has evidently been giving more attention to the study of McKinley's character than one would have supposed. —*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— The Spanish Government is reported to have offered further concessions to the insurgents. Why not make short work of it and tender them independence? Chopping off a dog's tail inch by inch merely increases the suffering of the beast. —*Baltimore Herald, Dem.*

—— Only seven out of every hundred workingmen can possibly derive benefit from protective taxation; but probably seventy out of every hundred have been led to believe that Protection protects them. It is on this misconception that the fabric of Protection has been built. —*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— It sounds like a Chinese puzzle to be told that Russia is anxious to lend money to China, but China is afraid to accept for fear of offending England, and that England is equally anxious to lend the money, but that China is afraid to accept for fear of offending Russia. The simple explanation of the puzzle is that each of China's kind friends merely demands the subjugation of China as security for the loan.—*New York World, Dem.*

CONTENT.

MADISON CAWEIN.

When I behold how some pursue
Fame, that is care's embodiment,
Or fortune, whose false face looks true—
An humble home, with sweet content,
Is all I ask for me and you.

An humble home, where pigeons coo,
Whose path leads under breezy lines
Of frosty-berried cedars to
A gate, one mass of trumpet vines,
Is all I ask for me and you.

A garden, which, all summer through,
The roses old make redolent,
And morning glories, gay of hue,
And tansy, with its homely scent,
Is all I ask for me and you.

An orchard, that the pippins strew,
From whose bruised gold and juices spring;
A vineyard, where the grapes hang blue,
Wine-big and ripe for vintaging,
Is all I ask for me and you.

A lane, that leads to some far view
Of forest and of fallow-land,
Bloomed o'er with rose and meadow-rue,
Each with a bee in its hot hand,
Is all I ask for me and you.

At morn, a pathway deep with dew,
And birds to vary time and tune;
At eve, a sunset avenue,
And whippoorwills that haunt the moon,
Is all I ask for me and you.

Dear heart, with wants so small and few,
And faith, that's better far than gold;
A lowly friend, a child or two,
To care for us when we are old,
Is all I ask for me and you.

—*From Harper's Magazine.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— A torn jacket is soon mended, but hard words bruise the heart of a child.

— The trouble about sowing wild oats is, that the same hand that sows must do the reaping.

— Let no opportunity pass without owning your Savior before others, and modestly urging all to accept his service.

— There is nothing that helps a man in his conduct through life more than a knowledge of his own characteristic weakness.

— Idolatry of the dollar is destroying the American people. The worship of he Golden Calf is the arch sin in and out of the church,

— Let no opportunity pass to say a kind word, do some kind deed, or to smile upon those you meet. Do this not affectedly, but sincerely as unto the Lord.

— Guard well the door of your lips, that unchaste word, jest, or story, no slander or cutting remarks, no irreverent or untruthful statement shall pass out.

— Suffer if you must; do not quarrel with the Lord's appointments for you. Only try, if you do suffer, to do it splendidly. That's the only way to take up a pleasure or a pain.—*Phillips Brooks.*

— Remember each day that Christ will surely come, suddenly come; and, it may be, this day will determine how his coming will find us, as it must to thousands.—*Ex.*

— How admirable is that religion which, while it seems to have in view only the felicity of another world, is at the same time the highest happiness of this.—*Montesquieu.*

— Whatever thou wouldst have, ask God for it. Whatever thou hast already given ascribe it to God. He is not worthy of new blessings who is not grateful for those already given. The streams of Heavenly blessings cease to flow down to us when there are no returning streams of gratitude and praise to God. Lovingly lift up thy heart to God and cling to Him.—*Gerhard.*

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Willing to Prove It.

The coach was being driven up a steep mountain road, and at one side the cliff ran straight down for 100 feet. A youth seated on the back seat next to a loquacious damsel of uncertain age was in a state of misery. The one being he loved most of all the world was in the front with his hated rival, and nothing could dispel his gloom.

"Oh, Mr. Foster," tittered the young woman next to him, breaking in upon his meditations, "suppose the coach should upset or I should fall out, would you try to save me?"

"Why, of course," was the reply.

"Certainly—to be sure."

"Would you really?" she asked.

"Now, tell me exactly how."

"Oh, I —eh"— began the young man, intent upon other things.

"Why I"—

"Oh, Mr. Foster," sighed the fair one, "you don't know really what you'd do."

"Well," he answered, thoroughly aroused, "if you doubt me, why, I'll show you just what."

"How can you show me?" she whispered. "Can you truly give me some proof?"

"Yes," he returned. "All you have to do is to proceed to tumble out, and I'll prove the rest to everybody's satisfaction." — Scottish Nights.

The law is a sort of hocus pocus science that smiles in yer face while it picks yer pockets, and the glorious uncertainty of it is of mair use to the professors than the justice of it.—Macklin.

In a recent letter from Washington D. C., to an old friend, Major G. A Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore, says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing). I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two applications freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5¾	@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5¼
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 30
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	1¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	10	@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8¼
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	47½
Car load, in bags—White		@	46
Oats, from store		@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1¾	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	1 45
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	10 50
Rump		@	10 00
Prime		@	10 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	3 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¾
Standard A		@	4¾
White Extra C		@	4¼
Extra C, Golden		@	4¼
C, Yellow		@	4¼
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

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THE MOVEMENT OF COTTON.

World's Visible Supply—Receipts at the Ports—The Takings of Mills—Foreign Exports.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, February 11.—Secretary Hester estimates the world's total visible supply of cotton at the close of this week at 4,460,510 bales against 4,463,114 last week and 3,942,758 last year. Of the former amount, 4,179,510 bales are American cotton.

Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement shows that the nine million mark in the marketing of this year's crop has been exceeded by 28,000 bales. The increase in the movement into sight this week compared with the seven days ending this date last year in round figures is 113,000 bales.

For the 164 days of the season that have elapsed, the aggregate is ahead of the 164 days of last year, 1,690,000 bales. The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 252,323, against 139,030 for the seven days ending this date last year.

The movement since September 1st, shows receipts at all United States ports 7,025,395, against 5,791,912 last year.

Overland and across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to the Northern mills and Canada, 908,997 bales, against 665,341 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year, 481,995 bales, against 295,691 last year.

Southern mill takings, exclusive of consumption at Southern outports, 611,244 bales, against 584,744 last year.

Foreign exports for the week were 179,810 bales, against 131,684 last year, making the total thus far for the season 5,025,733 bales, against 4,408,201 last year.

The total takings of American mills North and South and Canada thus far for the season have been 2,300,816 bales, against 1,845,883 last year. Stocks at the seaboard and twenty-nine leading Southern interior centres have decreased during the week 27,735 bales and are now 395,420 in excess of this date last year. Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought in thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 9,144,188 bales against 7,676,237 for the same period last year.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 12.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR.—Market firm at 90 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year:—Spirits turpentine quiet, 26¾, 26½c; rosin firm, $1.50, 1.55, tar quiet, 95c; crude turpentine, nothing doing.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	50
Rosin	414
Tar	217
Crude turpentine	4

Receipts same day last year.—10 casks spirits turpentine, 349 bbls rosin, 36 bbls tar, 0 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅝c per pound for middling. Quotations: Good Ordinary 3 3-16 cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary 4½ " "
Low Middling 5 3-16 " "
Middling 5⅝ " "
Good Middling 5⅞ " "

Same day last year, middling 6¾c.

Receipts—567 bales; same day last year, 38.

COUNTRY PRODUCE

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 40 to 50c per bushel of 28 pounds; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½ to 50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00 to 1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six-inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

February 12.—Galveston, firm at 5 15-16c, net receipts 3,409 bales; Norfolk, firm at 5⅞c, net receipts 882 bales; Baltimore, holiday, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 6¼c, net receipts 571 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅝c, net receipts 567 bales; Philadelphia, holiday, net receipts — bales; Savannah, firm at 5⅝c, net receipts 2,602 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 5⅝c, net receipts 15,299 bales; Mobile, firm at 5 11-16c, net receipts 1,909 bales; Memphis, firm at 5⅝c, net receipts 2,016 bales; Augusta, firm at 5 15-16c, net receipts 451 bales; Charleston, firm at 5⅝c, net receipts 1,059 bales.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

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FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, February 1.—12 P. M.—Cotton—Spot in fair demand and prices higher. American middling fair 3 25-32d; good middling 3 17-32d; American middling 3⅜d; low middling 3 7-32d; good ordinary 3 1-16d; ordinary 2 29-32d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 9,500 American. Receipts 17,000 bales, including 13,900 American. Futures opened firm with a fair demand and closed barely steady. American middling (l m c): February 3 21-64d seller; February and March 3 21-64d seller; March and April 3 21-64d seller; April and May 3 21-64@3 22-64d seller; May and June 3 22-64d seller; June and July 3 22-64@3 23-64d seller; July and August 3 23-64d seller; August and September 3 23-64d buyer; September and October 3 23-64@3 24-64d buyer; October and November 3 24-64d seller; November and December 3 24-64d buyer

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Br schr Victory, 131 tons, Munro, Dunmore Town and Nassau, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

CLEARED.

Steamship Croatan, 826 tons, McKee, New York, H G Smallbones.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 13, 1898.

SCHOONERS.

Victory (Br) 131 tons, Munro, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Harry Prescott, 412 tons, Gray, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. [At Southport in distress.]

Jno C Cottingham, 226 tons. Thomas, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Estelle, 389 tons, Hutchinson, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Harold J McCarty, 297 tons, Hawley, Boston, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Mattie A Franklin, 489 tons, McDonald, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.

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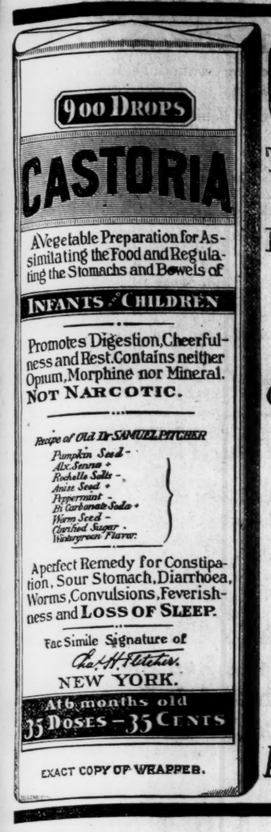

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A FAIR EXCHANGE.

Lawrence Clive, the celebrated novelist, was growing old, and his imagination was failing. Youngsters were imitating his style, but could not succeed without his name, while he was passing out for want of his pristine freshness. He sallied forth to find one of the aforesaid youngsters.

At the office of The Illustrated Blade a portly gentleman said to a clerk imprisoned behind a window labeled "Inquiries," "I wish to see the editor."

A few minutes later Mr. Canning himself came out bareheaded and exclaimed:

"Mr. Clive, this is, indeed, a pleasure. Come in. Nothing wrong, I hope. You haven't come to tell me I am to be disappointed about the story?"

"No," said the novelist, taking the seat the editor bowed him into. "May I beg you to violate editorial secrecy for once and allow me to see some of the stories that are imitations of my own?"

"Certainly," said Mr. Canning, "that is, if they have not been returned."

When the novelist reached his waiting carriage, he handed a slip of paper to the coachman.

"Drive to that address," he said, "and wait for me."

It was now dark and the coachman had some difficulty in finding the correct number. There was even more difficulty in finding the room of any particular tenant, for no neighbor seemed to know another by name; but at last Mr. Lawrence Clive, somewhat out of breath with the steep climb and dark ascent, stood at the landing of the top back room and rapped at the door.

After some delay and inside shuffling the door was opened two or three inches and Mr. Clive caught a glimpse of the haggard face of a young man with unkempt hair, coat buttoned tight to the throat, and the fireless, empty stump of a pipe in his mouth.

"I wish to see Mr. Stafford."

"That's my name," said the young man.

"Wait a moment and I will come out to you on the landing."

"No," said Clive, "I will go inside. We will shut the door."

The elegantly dressed Mr. Clive stepped into the room—and a room more squalid even than he had anticipated. On a small, rough table, a candle stuck in a bottle burned. There were pen and ink beside it and some sheets of manuscript. A bed stood in a corner and a square box beside the table.

"The box or the bed?" asked the host airily.

"I shall sit down on the box if I may," answered Mr. Clive.

"Then I'll sit on the bed," said the young man. "I take it this is not a social visit. So, may I ask again what is your business with me?"

"May I first have the pleasure of offering you a cigar?" said the novelist, reaching out his case.

"Thanks," he said shortly, as if he could not trust himself to further speech. He lit the cigar at the sputtering candle and drew a deep breath of satisfaction as he tasted its quality.

"It is well," said the novelist, "to begin our negotiations with a burnt offering, for I believe the suggestion which caused me to make this visit came from the father of fire himself, whom I invoked this afternoon."

"You mean the devil. I wish he would come and make an offer to me."

"He has come for that purpose," replied the novelist.

"I say. You look more like Lawrence Clive, the novelist, than you do like satan."

"My friends tell me there is a likeness. I may return the compliment, if it be one, by venturing the opinion that if you do not look like Lawrence Clive, you write like him."

"Ah," replied the young man coloring, "you have seen some of my work, then. Are you an editor? No such luck, I suppose."

"No such luck," echoed the novelist, "but I am acquainted with some members of the profession, and one of them allowed me to read a manuscript of yours. I was struck by the remarkable imitations of the writings to Mr. Clive."

"Yes," cried the young man, springing to his feet and pacing up and down the room as the other had done a short time before, smiting his hands together. "Yes. Of the Clive of 30 years ago. Once Lawrence Clive was a writer. Today he is a cumberer of the ground, pouring forth trash that no sane man would care to read, a stumbling block at the feet of better men."

"Clive has a name," continued the novelist, "which doubtless he does not value and would gladly exchange it for the qualities you possess, taking the risk of the starvation. So that you may say nothing further about Mr. Clive which might embarrass you afterward, I will now admit that I am he."

"Good heavens!" cried the young man aghast, stopping short in his walk.

"Do not let us flatter each other," the novelist said. "I am a man with a name which I cannot now justify, and yet with a vain dishonesty that leads me to attempt it. You are a convicted plagiarist through necessity. I am the devil tempting you, and you succumb. You are the devil tempting me, and I succumb.

"I ask you to leave this wretched hole and be nominally my private secretary. From now on till the day I die you shall write my stories and I shall put my name to them. We will share the profits equally, as honest devils should. I have no flaming pen to put signatures to a contract, so our compact must be a verbal one. My carriage is at the door. Will you come?"

The literary critics shortly after were delighted to record their opinion that the veteran Lawrence Clive had quite returned to his old form again.—Luke Sharp in Detroit Free Press.

The people of the United States read and support as many newspapers as England, France and Germany combined.

HER REVENGE.

"Why do women insist on vying with men in the professions?" said rich Mrs. Van Bussom three times in succession at a certain afternoon tea while she looked at Miss Greenleaf, aged 45. Then she observed that no doubt the new doctor, like many another deserving person, had been cruelly disappointed and despaired of another chance. So the tea ended, and the coterie kissed and disbanded.

It was late in December that Dr. Prudence Wickham moved into one of the fashionable side streets hard by Gramercy park. It was snowing—mowing so furiously that faces were indistinguishable at short range. First came a furniture van, and when it had been emptied a handsome cab dashed down the cobbled pavement and deposited a tall, dignified woman, with a short, stout attendant, on the sidewalk. They hurriedly entered the house, the door slamming behind them. Then the van and cab vanished and night and a howling blizzard set in.

If the people of the street were mystified that evening, they were in the very thraldom of anxiety the next morning when the sun, rising majestically, cast its cold, slanting rays on the burnished sign heretofore mentioned.

Then the days went by and the solicitous neighbors watched and waited. But nobody called Dr. Wickham out. Christmas came and went and the brass sign continued to glow under the daily labors of the stout servant. But the doctor did not venture from her solitude.

And New Year's eve was come again, and the people of the neighborhood were wild with excitement, for the ringing of the chimes in the church tower was an event that annually rejuvenated everybody. Thither on this bitter night, as the hands of the old clock ascended to the hour of 12, thousands wended their way. There were acres of fur cloaks and blue noses, and the frozen snow crunched with a metallic ring beneath a myriad of gum shoes. At last the great bells in the tower pealed out and told that another year had been born. And simultaneously the blare of trumpets, arising from the crowd, almost shut out their music.

Suddenly a cry went up—a cry that some one had swooned. The horns ceased, the bells rang on, and everybody gathered around the prostrate form of young Willie Van Bussom, who lay upon the snow white and listless.

"Is there a medical man in the crowd?" some one asked.

"Yes. Will you kindly allow me to get hold of his pulse?" answered a strong faced woman as she edged her way through the ranks. It was Dr. Prudence Wickham.

"Ah, the cold has told on him and his body is fast becoming rigid," she said. "He must be taken to my office instantly or he will not survive ten minutes."

Strong arms gladly obeyed and Willie Van Bussom was borne away and deposited on a lounge in the physician's office. Then the crowd withdrew, the doors closed, and between her clinched teeth Dr. Prudence Wickham, alone with her victim, muttered:

"At last! At last!"

For a time she surveyed the motionless form before her in glad triumph. Then walking to her surgical case she took out an assortment of knives and saws. Depositing them upon a small table near her patient's head, she took a strong cord from a wall closet and bound him hand and foot to the sofa. This accomplished, she held a vial of ammonia water to his nose and shook him violently.

"What's trumps?" he asked as he yawned and opened his eyes in a bewildered way.

"Be quiet, my poor fellow," answered Dr. Wickham in assuring though professional tones. Then she drew the table with the instruments into plainer view and locked the door of the room.

"But where am I?" he pleaded.

"Oh, never mind. You must go to sleep now so that I may begin the operation." And thereupon Dr. Wickham proceeded to saturate a sponge with chloroform.

"What are you going to do to me?" he again demanded, now thoroughly awake and excited.

"Why, don't you know that I am about to amputate both your legs? I'm awfully sorry, but"—

"Amputate my legs!"

"Yes. So prepare for the ordeal." And she set the chloroform down and took up the biggest saw on the table.

Willie Van Bussom wriggled and thrashed and plunged, but to no avail. The cord held him prisoner. When he had finally exhausted all his strength, Dr. Wickham leaned over him, and with a pair of scissors proceeded to divest him of the lower portions of his trousers.

"Won't you have some pity? Can't we fix it up by arbitration? I don't wish to lose my legs." And his sobs were loud and pathetic.

To Dr. Wickham's mature mind it was plain that the time for action had arrived. So, arresting her scissors, she looked into his face and said:

"What would you do to save them?"

"What would I not do?" he answered. "I shall inherit great wealth. It shall be yours."

They looked at one another for a time. Then Dr. Wickham broke the silence.

"If that is all, then off they come." And she reached for the saw once more.

"Hold! Hold! I will, moreover, agree"—the words clogged in his throat—"I will agree to marry you."

"There, that is sufficient," answered Dr. Wickham. And then cutting the thong that held his right hand she bade him write his proposal down on paper.

With a trembling hand he did so, and it ran as follows:

MY DEAREST DR. WICKHAM—You have saved my life, and in my gratitude for your services I offer you my hand in wedlock. Your slave,
WILLIAM VAN BUSSOM.

The first sun that arose on the newborn year found them standing before a minister. The occasion, strange enough, was also their birthday. She was 47 and he was 20.

The groom's mother refused to be reconciled at first. But when Miss Greenleaf sent her profuse congratulations, she relented, for her sensibilities were not blunted to such irony.—George A. Beckenbaugh in New York Journal.

Theosophy.

The word theosophy was first used in the school of Neoplatonic philosophy, opened at Alexandria by Ammonius Saccas, 232 A. D., who is said to have urged the disregard of all class prejudices and minor differences of opinion in a union for the enlightenment of the world. Followers of Paracelsus, in the sixteenth century, were called theosophists. Modern theosophy was founded in the United States by Mme. Helene Petrovna Blavatsky.

Patrick's Absence From Church.

"Mrs. O'Rooney," said the Rev. Father McMurphy, "why do I never see Patrick at church now?"

Mrs. O'Rooney shook her head sadly.

"Is it anarchism?"

"Warse than thot, your riverence."

"Is it atheism?"

"Warse, your riverence."

"What is it, then?"

"Rheumatism."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

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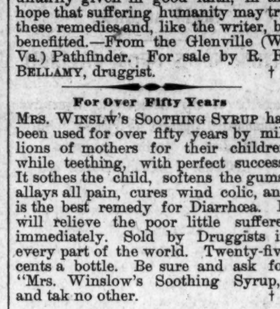

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Commissioner's Sale.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY. } Superior Court.

James W. Sneeden, Administrator of Mrs. Kate Brown, deceased, vs. Mortimer H. Brown et al.

By virtue of a decree made in the above entitled cause, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lots of land in Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:

1. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Second and Dawson streets, runs thence northwardly with the eastern line of Second street 66 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Dawson street 159 feet to an alley, thence southwardly with the said alley 66 feet to Dawson street, thence eastwardly with the northern line of Dawson street 159 feet to the beginning, being the eastern part of Lot 5, Block 45.

2. A lot beginning in the eastern line of Eleventh street 132 feet north of Princess street, runs thence north with said eastern line of Eleventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 132 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eleventh street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Princess street 132 feet to the beginning, being a part of the western part of Lot 3, Block 188.

3. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 99 feet north of Campbell street, runs thence northwardly with said western line of Eighth street 33 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east quarter of Lot 4, Block 252.

4. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 132 feet north of Brunswick street, runs thence north with said western line of Eighth street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet, thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east half of Lot 3, Block 252.

5. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Ninth street and Swann street, running thence northwardly with the eastern line of Ninth street 297 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street about 290 feet to the line of the property of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Co., thence with the said line southwestwardly about 355 feet to a point in the northern line of Swann street 70 feet eastwardly from the eastern line of Ninth street, thence westwardly with said northern line of Swann street 70 feet to the beginning, being the western parts of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 and a part of Lot 1, Block 328.

6. A lot beginning at the southwestern intersection of Nixon and Seventh streets, runs westwardly with the southern line of Nixon street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street 60 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street 33 feet to Seventh street, thence northwardly with said line of Seventh street 60 feet to the beginning, being the east end of Lot 1, Block 325.

7. A lot beginning in the northern line of Princess street 132 feet west of the western line of Twelfth street, runs thence westwardly with said line of Princess street 33 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet to the beginning, being parts of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 188.

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February 8th, 1898. feb 9 1m

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Train 4—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:41 A. M., Raleigh 3:30 P. M., Sanford 5:09 P. M., Hamlet 6:58 P. M., Rockingham 7:39 P. M., Wadesboro 8:11 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:35 P. M. Athens 3:45 A. M., and Atlanta 6:30 A. M. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 40—Leaves Washington 4:10 P. M., Richmond 8:56 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M. Arrives Weldon 11:10 P. M., Raleigh 2.07 A. M., Sanford 3:35 A. M., Hamlet 5:10 A. M., Rockingham 5:23 A. M., Wadesboro 5:54 A. M., Monroe 6.43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolnton 10:20 A. M., Shelby 11.18 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 P. M., Atlanta 3:50 P. M. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman Sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 1:00 P. M. Arrives Athens 3:16 P. M., Monroe 9:30 P. M. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 P. M., arrives Shelby 5:55 P. M., Lincolnton 6:36 P. M., Charlotte 8.18 P. M. Monroe 9:10 P. M., Wadesboro 10:31 P. M., Rockingham 11:05 P. M., Hamlet 11:20 P. M., Sanford 1:02 A. M., Raleigh 3:16 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:18 A. M., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman Sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M., arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 7:00 A. M., arrives Hamlet 7:50 A. M.

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In Effect January 23rd, 1898.

NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 18 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 25 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 17 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 45 "
Leave Sanford	2 36 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 55 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3 DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 P. M
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15 Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 35 P. M
Leave Stokesdale	1 35 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 35	5 45	Newbern.....	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City..	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect January 17, 1898.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.55 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.45 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 6.22 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 6.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P.M. Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 8.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., †Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.03 A. M., Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEB. 13, 1898

LOST AT SEA.

Steamer Veendam from Rotterdam for New York—Passengers and Crew Saved by the St. Louis.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 12.—The American Line steamer St. Louis, Captain Randle, which arrived to-day from Southampton, reports the loss at sea of the Holland-American Line steamer Veendam, Captain Stenger, from Rotterdam for New York. The passengers and crew of the Veendam were saved by the St. Louis.

At Quarantine Captain Stenger of the Veendam reported as follows: "The Veendam left Rotterdam Feb. 3d, with a general cargo, nine cabin, 118 steerage passengers and 85 crew, bound for New York. Had strong northwest gales and high W. and W. N. W. seas. February 6th, at about 5.17 P. M., shlp's time, being in latitude 49.35 N., longitude 30.01 W., the steamer struck a submerged wreck or wreckage which probably tore a hole in the ship's bottom and broke her propeller shaft. We found that our ship was making considerable water. We set all pumps to work, but notwithstanding this, the water gained on us. In the meantime all our boats were made ready in order, if necessary to leave the ship at a moment's notice, because she was now sinking rapidly at the stern. At 1.30 A. M. we observed the masthead lights of a large steamer bearing about east by south from us. We made signals of distress, on which the vessel bore down on us. We then decided, for the safety of the passengers and crew, to abandon the ship. The vessel proved to be the St. Louis, of the American Line, bound from Southampton for New York. We hailed her and reported that our ship was sinking and that we wished to be taken off. At 1.43 A. M. we commenced to transfer our passengers and crew, using three boats of the St. Louis and one of our ship's. Our men were kept at the pumps.

"At 4.55 A. M. Monday morning everybody had been transferred to the St. Louis. When the last boat left the Veendam was laboring very heavily and sinking rapidly. The transfer of the passengers and crew took—notwithstanding the great difficulties and high seas running—three hours and ten minutes, and was accomplished without the slightest accident.

"As the wreck was a dangerous obstruction to navigation, we decided to set her on fire, which was done.

THE TRIAL OF M. ZOLA.

Two Companies of Guards Around the Court—Squadrons of Cavalry in the Neighborhood.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, February 12.—There were the usual crowds and demonstrations today at the Assize Court of the Seine, when the sixth day of the trial of M. Zola and M. Perreux opened before M. Delegorgue, the presiding judge. The force of Republican guards around the court was increased to four companies.

It was announced to-day that Gen. Billot, minister of war, has instituted proceedings against M. Courant, the barrister, who at the close of the proceedings in court yesterday was arrested for shouting "Down with the commanding officers!"

There were the most heated discussions in the lobbies to-day, the Zolaists claiming that to-day's evidence might result in a revision of the Dreyfus case and the anti-Zolaists, on the contrary, claiming that Maitre De Mange had not furnished any proof in support of M. Zola's case.

In view of the possibility of a demonstration, three and a half squadfons of cavalry were stationed in the Rue Drought, the Mairie Celestin and the Chateau d'Eay barracks,

It is reported that Colonel Picquart has sent his seconds to M. Henry on account of the latter's accusation that the Colonel lied.

There is little chance of the acquittal of Emile Zola. The mob would be ready to lynch the jury, and the soldiers are much more excited than they appear to be. Dislike of the secret trial, however, is increasing and should M. Laborie's eloquence extort an acquittal the Government is bound to fall, in which case the army may issue a pronunciamento. The chances are decidedly against such an overturn, but there is no lack of funds for a revolutionary movement. The Jews are both frightened and enraged at their position under the parliamentary republic.

PITTSBURG'S FATAL FIRE.

Eighteen Bodies Removed from the Ruins—Thirty-five Persons Still Missing.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, February 12—At 10 o'clock to-night eighteen bodies had been removed from the ruins of Wednesday night's fire, nearly all of whom were found in Mulberry alley. In the Associated Press dispatches yesterday thirty-eight persons were reported missing. Of these four have been accounted for, and three added to the list of the dead, leaving thirty-one still unheard of. To this array others have been added, which swells the list of missing to thirty-five. The impression is strong that many of the missing have met their death under the walls. A conference of the city officials was held to-day in the office of Mayor H. P. Ford, the result being that the city has taken full charge of the work of searching the ruins and will prosecute it without cessation until the ruins have been thoroughly turned over and explored.

FIRE AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

The Hoyt Building and Contents Burned Loss Estimated at $375,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Feb. 12.—The Hoyt building, owned by the Hoyt estate and occupied principally by manufacturers of clothing, wholesale hatters and furriers, was practically destroyed by fire this morning with contents. The fire originated in the rear end of the building, and was caused by an explosion of gasoline. The loss is estimated at $375,000, which is pretty well covered by insurance.

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SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

Great Britain Will Allow No Power to Interfere With Treaties With China.

MORE WARSHIPS ON THE WAY.

Community of Political Action Between Great Britain and Germany—Preponderance of British Warships in Chinese Waters.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, February 12.—Although a certain class noisily persists in distrusting the situation in the Far East, the great majority are abundantly satisfied with the Marquis of Salisbury's statement, and there is reason to believe that they will be still more gratified in no far distant future. When the Government shall be in a position to lay the papers on the subject before Parliament, it will be seen that the conduct of the affairs has been in strict compliance with the principles enunciated by half a dozen cabinet ministers. Of course the Premier is not in a position to reveal the whole story, as there is much yet to settle, but he will be able to relieve all anxiety with an explicit statement that he will allow no power to interfere with British treaties with China which give freedom of entry to every port which may become open under authority or at the request of any power whatever. This attitude in regard to Kiao Chou bay of the Marquis of Salisbury has paved the way for a community of political action between Great Britain and Germany, which will not only produce excellent results in the Far East but tend to assure the stability of the general international situation.

Great Britain's agreement with Russia will probably also be found to be more far-reaching than that there is written assurance that Port Arthur will be a free port and agreeing to the opening of Ta-Lien-Wan when the railroad reaches there.

The British warships now on their way to China are the first class battleship Victorious, the first class battleship Barfleur, the first class cruiser Gibraltar and the second class cruiser Bonaventura. When they arrive on March 5th, or thereabouts, Great Britain will have a preponderance of 25,000 tons of warships over Russia and France combined in those waters.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—Letters received from Kiao Chou show that things are not so peaceful there as the Government professes. The Germans have sent several expeditions into the interior to punish the natives for outrages upon sentinels at outlying points, and there have been several encounters. In one case two Chinese officers and a number of their followers were killed. A village has been destroyed and a camp broken up. The Germans sleep on their arms and fear a sudden attack.

The Emperor on Thursday was present at the parade of the Fifth Regiment of Guards at Spandau before their new colonel, the Russian Grand Duke Constantine, and his majesty created a sensation by walking up to his guests with his drawn sabre and saluting, while saying, in a ringing voice: "Always friends with our near neighbor and colaborer, Russia, I hope."

At the luncheon afterwards, at the officers' mess, the Emperor drank to the health of the Grand Duke, saying: "To a future comradeship in arms." The Grand Duke Constantine did not respond, and hardly touched his glass with his lips.

ENSIGN BRECKENRIDGE.

One of the Officers of the Torpedo Boat Cushing Drowned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—The following cablegram has been received at the State Department from Consul General Lee, at Havana, dated yesterday:

"Ensign J. R. Breckenridge, of the Cushing, was washed overboard and drowned a few hours before the arrival of the vessel in this port. The body was recovered and I am preparing to have it embalmed and sent home tomorrow."

Captain Sigsbee, of the Maine, makes the following report to the Navy Department on the same subject: "Ensign Breckenridge, of the Cushing, fell overboard in a heavy sea by the parting of a life line and was drowned. The body was recovered. Department break news to family. Will send the body back to Key West to-morrow by the Olivette, if practicable. Otherwise by the Cushing. Will send the Cushing back when the sea subsides.

SENATOR MARION BUTLER.

Will Attend the Conference of Populists in Minneapolis Tuesday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—Marion Butler, chairman of the Populist National Committee, will leave to-morrow morning for Minneapolis to attend a meeting of the Populist State Committee of Minnesota, which is to be held on Tuesday. Representative Hartman, of Montana, expected to accompany him but as he is under the care of a physician he may not leave before Monday. The meeting of the Minnesota State Committee is to be made the occasion of a general conference of the Populist and silver forces of the Northwest. All of the States contiguous to Minnesota will be represented at the gathering and preparatory arrangements will be made for the campaign of next Fall in that section of the country.

COUNTERFEITING COIN.

A Citizen of Gloucester, Va., Arrested and Sent to the Grand Jury.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, February 12.—A special to the *Dispatch* from Gloucester Courthouse, Virginia, says: "J. W. Price, who has been doing a small jewelry and watch-cleaning business near Roanes for about six months, was arrested night before last on the charge of counterfeiting coin. Last night Price was before Justice John Tabbe, who sent him on to the grand jury. Price told Mr. Montague, so the latter claims, that he made coin and shipped it to New York. He also told Mr. Webb that he was a money coiner. Price says if he talked to Montague and Webb, as said, he was drunk and knew nothing about it.

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"EXPULSION" OF DUPUY DE LOME.

English Newspapers Unanimously Endorse the Position of the United States.

CRITICISM OF MR. McKINLEY.

The Government Morally Justified in Saying the War Must End and Cuba be Given Peace—Suppressed Excitement in Madrid.

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LONDON, Feb. 12.—The De Lome incident has excited little interest in England, but the opinions expressed almost unanimously endorse the position of the United States. The daily newspapers, with the exception of the *Morning Post*, have adopted the view that the administration took the right course. The Sackville-West incident naturally has been much quoted; but it must be added that it has always been on the most friendly terms toward the United States.

The weekly newspapers express the opinion that President McKinley would have done better to ignore Dupuy De Lome, and the *Statist* says "that a man better qualified to conduct the foreign affars of the United States than Mr. Sherman would refuse to notice De Lome" and every one participating in the affair; adding, "a government based on popular suffrage has to expect free criticism."

Continuing, the *Statist* says it does not see why President McKinley, "who is accustomed to the rough as well as the smooth of politics," shows susceptibility and "objects to allow foreigners the freedom he admits in the case of his fellow citizens."

The *Spectator* thinks the "practical expulsion of De Lome will produce fresh difficulties between Spain and America, although the incident ought not to change the situation in any way." Continuing, the *Spectator* says: "If President McKinley were wise he would have promptly declared that he would not pay any attention whatever to the purloined private letter, however genuine. President McKinley should have publicly called on De Lome and informed him that he does not need his assurance that the letter was a forgery, the bad taste and vulgarity of the language being ample proof of the fact. If he had had the nerve or wisdom to do that, he would have immensely raised his prestige—both abroad and in his own country. At the same time, one cannot be surprised that the United States failed to treat the letter with the contempt it merited. We do not for a moment suggest that the Executive failed to ignore it because it was ignorant of diplomatic usage, or because it was not sufficiently good mannered to be self-restrained under provocation. The Americans are as good-mannered as other people, and their politicians and officials are perfectly aware of how Lord Salisbury or M. Hanotaux would have disposed of a similar letter, and can guess accurately how President Lincoln would have treated it. It is not lack of manners or traditions which made the United States Government take the incident too seriously, but rather the want of firmness and *savior faire* which has been shown by the present administration throughout its term of office."

The *Spectator* is not sorry the "moment may be approaching when the United States will intervene to stop the agonies of Cuba;" adding: "Their only hope is in the United States sternly declaring that the Spanish troops must leave, and that the Cubans be allowed to settle their own fate. That the United States will be morally justified in saying the war must end, and that Cuba be given peace, there is no doubt for a moment."

Feeling in Madrid.

Madrid advices show that the De Lome affair created much suppressed excitement there. The public comments of the diplomats and part of the press were generally unobjectionable, but there was an undercurrent of bitterness on all sides. Even some days before the incident became known there had been a particularly nervous feeling in regard to the relations with the United States as evidenced by the unusual precaution taken to guard the residence of the United States minister, General Stewart L. Woodford. Any rumor, however absurd, was taken as gospel in the alarmist circles, even though a repetition of news which was stale weeks ago. For instance, quite a ferment was caused by a reference to the fact that United States warships were off the Dry Tortugas and it was taken as evidence that the blockade of Cuba had already begun. The advent of the French cruiser Dubourdciu at Havana was hailed with delight by the Madrid press, and much was made of the polite remark addressed by the French admiral to the Government officials upon the occassion of his complimentary visit. These remarks are said to have been most flattering in regard to the establishment of a new regime, and were, itis said, accompanied by hearty wishes that peace would soon result from the establishment of autonomy.

ADVICES FROM MADRID.

Spanish Government Regard the De Lome Incident as Absolutely Ended—Another Cruiser for Cuba.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, February 12.—The Associated Press correspondent to-day obtained interviews with Senor Gullon, the Foreign Minister, and Senor Moret, Minister for the Colonies. Senor Gullon said that the Dupuy De Lome letter incident was regarded both at Madrid and Washington as absolutely ended from the moment when Assistant Secretary Day conferred with Senor Bosc. Senor Moret said: "Although there exists in the United States a party eager for war and which strives to create a conflict, President McKinley will try to avoid one; and the Spanish government also will do its utmost to avoid any fresh friction which would make the relations between the two countries more strained."

The Cruiser Almirante O'Quendo sailed from Carthagena to-day for Las Palmas, from which port she will proceed for Cuba. The dispatch of another cruiser and seven torpedo boats has been decided upon.

The bank of Spain has offered for sale twenty million pesates of treasury bonds.

A dispatch from Christiana says the ministry has resigned, and several of the ministers will seek appointment to other offices.

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WAITING REPORT FROM WOODFORD.

Spain's Good Faith in the Matter of Reciprocity and Autonomy Open to Doubt.

POINTS IN DE LOME'S LETTER.

If Not Disavowed Voluntarily May Become the Subject of Further Diplomatic Correspondence That May Lead to Trouble.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—The policy of the administration concerning the De Lome incident can be stated briefly as definitely—and on authority not open to question—as follows:

"The President is awaitiug the full report of United States Minister Woodford, who, in the brief report already made, stated that fuller details will be forwarded. So far as the personal allusions of the late minister to the President are concerned the incident is undoubtedly closed. No demand has been or will be made according to the present intentions, for a disavowal of them, though should it be made it would be regarded as a graceful act. But, the inferences in the letter which bring in question Spain's good faith on questions of reciprocity and inferentially autonomy for Cuba, if not disavowed voluntarily, may become the subject of further diplomatic correspondence; though as to this matter, as has been stated heretofore, the President will await Minister Woodford's fuller advices before anything is decided upon. This feature of the ex-Minister's letter is entirely disassociated from the personal aspect which resulted in his retirement. It is confidently expected by the government that Spain will take early opportunity to disavow the statements of its late representative so far as they tend to commit Spain to a policy which leaves her good faith open to doubt. It is felt to be more desirable that this government should have no doubt as to Spain's real purposes and feelings on these vital questions, which have been subjects of negotiation and are likely to become such in the immediate future.

Up to 1.30 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Woodford had not yet forwarded the full report of the interview had by him with the Spanish foreign office.

A point that may become of importance in considering the propriety of the action of the Spanish Government in accepting the resignation of the minister without disclaiming responsibility for any of the utterances contained in his letter has been broached. The Spanish Government, it is said, may not be aware of the contents of the letter; there is reason to believe that when it acted upon Mr. DeLome's resignation, if indeed not up to the present moment, the Spanish foreign office did not have before it the full text of the letter, and may have acted on the assumption that the document contained only personal criticisms upon the President. In this case the statement respecting the autonomy and reciprocity measures, which it appears are regarded as of greater importance than personal criticisms passed by the minister upon the President, may not have been known to the Spanish Government. The fact that Senor Canalejas, the person addressed by the minister, who is now in Madrid, is said to have declared to the government that he never received the letter, would warrant such an assumption, unless the cable has been freely used by the Spanish legation here, for this government has not cabled the letter.

At the Spanish legation affairs have assumed a normal condition. Senor Du Bosc is in charge. He did not go to the State Department this morning. This afternoon he made calls on the foreign representatives, thus fulfilling a social duty by which the fact of his assuming charge of the post is made known to them.

Senor De Lome is busy winding up his affairs and preparing for departure. The time of leaving has not been set. Mme. De Lome is directing the unexpectedly hasty work of packing, and reports of her being prostrated by the recent occurrence are groundless. No intimation has come to any one at the legation as to the new minister. The several names mentioned in the newspapers are well known, but all comment is purely conjectural.

Representative Lewis, of Washington, has prepared a joint resolution which he will offer in the House on Monday, expressing it to be the sense of the House and Senate that the President decline to recognize the resignation of Senor De Lome, the Spanish Minister, and instead, inform him that he is *persona non grata*.

A Cablegram from Woodford.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—Late to-night the State Department received a cablegram from Minister Woodford. It relates presumably to the incident created by the publication of Minister DeLome's letter to Senor Canalejas, although, owing to the late hour of its receipt, its contents will not be known before to-morrow. The cablegram is in the department cipher, and is between two and three hundred words long. It is supposed by the State Department officials to be in response to instructions to Minister Woodford to advise the department concerning the action taken by the Madrid Govment with reference to the De Lome incident and to be supplementary to Minister Woodford's dispatch announcing the acceptance by the Spanish ministry of the resignation of Minister De Lome. Until the receipt of the cablegram to-night nothing had been heard by the State Department from Madrid since Minister Woodford announced the acceptance of Minister De Lome's resignation and the brevity of the dispatch is taken to be an indication that it contains nothing of particularly serious import.

WARM WIRELETS.

The United States cruiser San Francisco and the United States gunboat Bancroft have arrived at Lisbon and have joined the United States gunboat Helena.

The Governor of Virginia has approved the bill incorporating the Battlefield Park Association of Fredericksburg and vicinity.

Consul General Lee has cabled the State Department that Mr. Hearst's yacht, the Buccaneer, left Havana at 6 P. M. Friday.

A London dispatch says that Mr. Gladstone is suffering from a specific complaint. Some of the specialists call it necrosis of the bone of the nose, and others fear cancer.

It is expected that the trial will be concluded on Thursday next. It appears that there are certain flaws in the proceedings which may entitle M. Zola to appeal to the Supreme Court.

The Republican Club of New York city observed Lincoln's birthday as it has for twelve years with a banquet at Delmonico's. Nearly three hundred members of the club and guests were present and fifty ladies dined in the "Empire room" below.

FROM RALEIGH TO LILLINGTON.

Construction of the Raleigh and Cape Fear Railway to Begin at Once.

OTHER NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Majority of the Democratic Executive Committee Opposed to Fusion With Populists — Martin Appointed Solicitor of Second District.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 12.

President E. Benjamin Andrews, of Brown University, has been invited to delivery the literary address at the Wake Forest College commencement, May 24th,

Col. Paul B. Means, of Concord, is in the city. Col. Means says the Democratic Executive Committee, at its meeting here will issue the call for the State Democratic Convention. He says he hopes no office-trading with the Populists will be made. There is some talk in certain quarters of proposing fusion with the Populists. It is said that a majority of the committee are opposed to it.

Secretary of State Thompson has run down one insurance agent who is doing business in the State without license. Dr. Thompson says he will proceed against offenders to the fullest extent of the law.

The Rev. Dr. Burns, keeper of the capitol, yesterday made demand on Marshal Bradley of the State Supreme Court for a key to the court library. Marshal Bradley has to give bond for the safe keeping of the books, and he will not give Burns a key unless authorized by the Supreme Court. Burns is continually attempting to show authority in matters over which he has no control.

Claude M. Bernard arrived in the city to-day and took the oath of office as district attorney before District Clerk J. B. Fortune.

Mr. Bernard this morning handed in his resignation as solicitor to the Governor. Wheeler Martin, of Williamston, will be appointed to succeed him.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The Governor appoints Wheeler Martin Solicitor of the Second district, to succeed C. M. Bernard. Bernard recommended Augustus M. Moore in his letter of resignation to the Governor. Bernard says he will recommend Oscar J. Spears for appointment as assistant Attorney General.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State for the railroad from Raleigh to Lillington. It is named "The Raleigh & Cape Fear Railway." The capital stock is $200,000. Construction will begin at once.

PROPOSALS TO INSURGENTS.

The Radical Wing of the Autonomists Resolve to Open Negotiations With the Cubans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HAVANA VIA KEY WEST, FLA., February 12.—The Radical wing of the Autonomist party, assembled in secret meeting to-day to discuss the situation, which is considered very serious owing to the continuance of the insurrection, despite the fact that autonomy has been granted to Cuba. Senor Antonio Govin, Colonial Secretary of the Interior, did not take part in the deliberations, but sent his assent to the resolutions adopted.

It was resolved to open negotiations with the insurgents, in the belief that the revolution could not be suppressed by force of arms. Anticipating that the insurgents would not accept the new terms, it was resolved that the colonial government would open negotiations, thus saving the Madrid Government from the responsibility. The following propositions will be formally tendered to the insurgents:

1. The volunteers will be dissolved and a Cuban militia formed.
2. The insurgent colonels and generals will be recognized.
3. Cuba will be called upon to pay only $100,000,000 out of the $600,000,000 indebtedness due for both wars.
4. Cuba will pay $2,000,000 a year for the crown list.
5. Cuba will make her own treaties without interference by the Madrid Government.
6. Spanish products will have only a ten per cent. margin of protection over similar products from other countries.
7. No exiles or deportations will be made, even in war time to Spain, Africa or to penal settlements elsewhere.
8. Death sentences for rebellion shall be abolished.
9. Martial law cannet be ordered by the Captain General without the assent of both the House and Senate, if these bodies are in session, or without the assent of a majority of the cabinet if they are not in session.
10. The Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba shall always be a native Cuban.
11. The actual insurgents' party shall have three seats in the first cabinet.
12. An armistice of fifteen days shall be granted for the discussion of the terms of peace.

These terms are accepted by the Autonomist party in full, with the exceptions of Senors Galvez, Montero, Zayas and Delonte.

The anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was observed in Boston and vicinity. Although the day is not a legal holiday, the Stock Exchange was closed. Flags were displayed from the public buildings and grounds.

The thirty-third annual banquet of the Lincoln Association of Jersey City was held last night. Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, responded to the toast, "Abraham Lincoln from the Southern standpoint."

The grave feature of the situation is the incursion of the mob law inside and outside the Palais de Justice. Every dwelling of the Rothschilds is guarded as if it were a powder magazine.

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HOB-NOBBING IN HAVANA.

Captain Sigsbee of the U. S. Warship Marine Exchanging Courtesies With the Spanish.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Feb. 12.—Captain Sigsbee, of the warship Maine, paid a visit today to Senor Galvez, president of the council of secretaries, and Dr. Congosto, the secretary general of Cuba. Senor Galvez, accompanied by Senors Covin and Rodriguez, respectively secretary of the interior and secretary of commerce, later in the day returned the visit, a salute being fired from the Cabana fortress as the party went on board the Maine.

Senor Galvez expressed to Captain Sigsbee his thanks for the pleasant reception accorded him and his admiration for the order and cleanliness maintained on the ship. He said he desired the most friendly relations between the United States and Spain, and the greatest prosperity for both, and proposed as a toast, "The welfare of the grand republic and the government, peace to the island and the health of the officers of the Maine."

Captain Sigsbee, in replying, thanked the government representatives for the honor of their visit, and offered a toast to the autonomic government. He said that friendly relations had existed, now exist, and will exist between the Cuban government, Spain and the United States. The toasts were drunk in champagne.

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